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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
United States Senate
321 Senate Hart Office Building
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Dear Senator Bond:

It was a great pleasure and privilege for me to have joined you on your trip to Prague and Warsaw. The experience was extraordinarily beneficial for me, and I hope my presence proved useful to the delegation. Thank you for having me along and for welcoming me so generously into your domain.

From my vantage point, the trip was a great success. We met with a wide range of key figures representing various strands of political life in both countries, and the contrast between these two neighboring nations helped underscore the enormous diversity in this part of the world. The only elements missing from a fuller impression of Czechoslovakia and Poland were a sense of the lives of ordinary citizens and a view of life outside the capitals, but these perspectives would require a much longer stay.

If there is any way I can be of assistance in the future -- on European affairs or any other matter -- I hope you will not hesitate to call on me.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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